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BUREAU CHIEFS FROM [REDACTED]

1. THE CONGRESS HAS APPROVED A [REDACTED] RESERVE RELEASE
 IN FY 1980 FUNDS FOR EXPANDED FBIS COVERAGE OF "MUSLIM WORLD"
 MEDIA, INCLUDING SOVIET MEDIA ADDRESSING SOVIET MUSLIM MINORITIES
 AND THE MUSLIM COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS WHAT THE MUSLIM COUNTRIES'
 MEDIA ARE SAYING TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND TO OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES.
 WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THERE WILL BE FOLLOW-ON FUNDING FOR THE
 EXPANDED EFFORT IN FY 1981 AND BEYOND. WE ARE NOW AWAITING RELEASE
 OF THE FUNDS BY OMB. 4

2. THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF OUR INTENSIFIED EFFORT ARE AS
 FOLLOWS: 4

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A. EXPAND GULF BUREAU COVERAGE OF AUDIBLE SOVIET REGIONALS,
 THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE YEMENS BY ADDING ONE STAFF POSITION, FIVE
 MONITORS AND ONE TELEOP. 4

B. PROVIDE FULL-TIME COVERAGE OF AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN
 RADIOS AND COVERAGE OF ADDITIONAL SOVIET REGIONALS BY ESTABLISHING
 A RECORDING UNIT {ONE STAFF, TWO LOCALS} IN ISLAMABAD WITH LEASED
 COMMERCIAL LINES TO LONDON BUREAU. LATTER'S STAFF WILL BE INCREASED
 BY ONE EDITOR, SIX MONITORS, AND TWO SUPPORT LOCALS. 4

C. IMPLEMENT THE PLANNED REMOTE OPERATION AT PAPHOS FOR
 IMPROVED COVERAGE OF LIBYA AND SUDAN. IF PAPHOS IS NOT APPROVED
 WE WILL TRY FOR A RECORDING UNIT IN EGYPT WITH LEASED LINES TO
 NICOSIA OR LONDON. TWO LOCALS ARE INCLUDED. 4

D. FUNDS TO UPGRADE TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS AT NICOSIA, TEL
 AVIV AND AMMAN. 4

E. MONITOR SOVIET TV AND NEWSPAPER FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS

[REDACTED] EQUIPMENT WILL BE FUNDED IN
 FY 1980 AND TWO ENGINEER POSITIONS ARE ADDED IN FY 1981 TO OPERATE
 THE SYSTEM.

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F. PREPARE A MIDDLE EAST/SOUTHWEST ASIA ROUNDUP AT LEAST FIVE TIMES WEEKLY AT LONDON BUREAU. ONE ADDITIONAL STAFF EDITOR AND ONE LOCAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT ARE INCLUDED. 4

C. ENHANCED ANALYSIS OF SOVIET MEDIA OUTPUT ON THE MUSLIM WORLD AND OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES' MEDIA BY AG, WITH TWO NEW ANALYST AND TWO RESEARCH POSITIONS. 4

H. INTENSIFIED EXPLOITATION OF THE PUBLISHED MEDIA OF THE AREA WITH ELEVEN NEW LINGUIST POSITIONS IN PROD AND RELATED JPRS FUNDING. 4

I. ONE MILLION DOLLARS IS FOR DAILY REPORT AUTOMATION, INITIALLY OF THE COMCENTER, WIRE SERVICE, AND MIDDLE EAST AND USSR DAILY REPORTS, WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE AUTOMATION TO BE FUNDED IN FY 1982/83. 4

3. OBVIOUSLY A GREAT MANY DETAILS NEED TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH YOU AS WELL AS HEADQUARTERS COMPONENTS, STATE DEPARTMENT AND HOST EMBASSIES TO IMPLEMENT THESE PLANS.

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WE SHALL GIVE YOU SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS ON PROCEEDING AS SOON AS
 IT IS FEASIBLE TO DO SO. UNTIL THEN, YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS
 THESE PLANS WITH OTHER ELEMENTS AT YOUR MISSION. AT THIS TIME
 I ONLY WANT TO ADVISE YOU OF THIS DEVELOPMENT WHICH CAME QUICKLY
 AND WITH A COMPRESSED TIMETABLE THAT WAS UNEXPECTED. DESPITE
 THE SHORT TIME FACTOR, WE ARE OBLIGED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH A SENSE
 OF URGENCY THAT THESE PLANS CAN BE FULLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY
 IMPLEMENTED. WE WILL BEGIN TO OBLIGATE THESE SPECIAL FY 1980
 FUNDS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. RVW 25 FEB 00 C9C3.3 ALL SECRET.H

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